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For: DATABASE S

DATABASE SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS USING TYPE BASED SELECTIVE FOREIGN KEY ASSOCIATION TO REPRESENT MULTIPLE BUT EXCLUSIVE

RELATIONSHIPS IN RELATIONAL DATABASES

Date: March 15, 2005

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment in response to the Official Action mailed December 28, 2004 (the "Official Action").

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.